



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Nicholas A. Verini)
Title: NON-LETHAL HANDGUN) Group Art Unit: 3641
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003. A four-month Extension of Time Request and accompanying fee are enclosed herewith. In the presently outstanding Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Applicant's prior Response to a Restriction Requirement was incomplete in that it included claims directed to non-elected species and cited claim 24 as an illustration thereof.

Applicant had previously elected, with traverse, species A directed to Fig. 1 and had included claims 1-5, 9, 10, 12-25 and 27-31 as being readable thereon. Upon further review based on the outstanding Office Action, claims 24-31 are deemed directed to Species B and are therefore withdrawn herewith. However, Applicant also previously contended that the species illustrated in Figs. 3-6 are simply detailed components of the elected Species A and should therefore be included in that category (see pages 12, lines 2-4 of the specification). In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner has not addressed this contention and therefore Applicant repeats it. Consequently, Applicant contends that claims 1-5, 9, 10, 12-16 and 17-23 are readable on the elected species A as modified above.



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Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for examination and that both the elected and non-elected claims are patentable, and Applicant respectfully requests prompt examination and allowance thereof.

Respectfully Submitted,


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